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Lawrence L. Calvert, Jr., Attorney
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

April 26, 1999

Dear Mr. Calvert:

I received your letter today with reference to the decision concerning MUR 4710 with respect to Mr. Hinojosa and Cantu Construction. I was disappointed for several reasons:


1. I supplied the name, address, and phone number of Dan Bautista to the FEC with the expectation that you would contact Mr. Bautista. If you had, his words to me would not be hearsay. If you had, he would have given you the names of the aliens who were coerced into contributing to Mr. Hinojosa's campaign. If they had given that testimony, then the bank's denials would have been much less weighty. Mr. Bautista told me that he was not at liberty to tell ME the individuals' names but that he would tell the FEC. You never contacted him. In my opinion any investigation which might have been done had zero validity without contacting the witnesses which I revealed to you in my letter of complaint. You never contacted Lorraine Owens, either. She would have told you what she told me and would have responded to your specific questions. That might have revealed additional information.
2. This is the second time that you have dismissed a case against Mr. Hinojosa. On the last occasion you did so to clear the docket, not because you lacked evidence. There was, in fact, ample evidence in that instance that Mr. Hinojosa in his first campaign paid his secretary to do purely campaign work for several months with corporate money from his company. It appears that the FEC is developing a pattern of dropping cases against Mr. Hinojosa when they admit there is evidence against him.
3. Read your own campaign reports on the Internet. You will find a list of contributors to Hinojosa's campaign which includes incorporated companies. I even saw the letters INC. after a couple of the names. Don't you read the papers which campaigns file with you?

Should I come to the conclusion that the FEC is little interested in rooting out corruption in South Texas? Good grief, when I wrote you about Hinojosa's secretary I put her down as a witness. You wrote her an accusatory letter advising her she needed a lawyer (which she couldn't afford). In spite of the tone of your letter she "admitted" that she had been illegally paid and offered to produce the check stubs to prove it. Am I right in assuming you never requested

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those stubs? The FEC has represented Mr. Hinojosa's interests very well. I wish you all would represent the interests of the people of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tom Haughey', written over the printed name.

Tom Haughey

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